

any deed, mortgage, bill of sale or other instrument of writing, unless the fees for recording the same as regulated by law shall first be paid by the person offering the same for record.

The alphabeting of the liber and the preparation of the general index, are chargeable against the parties having papers recorded. If the clerk fails to collect such fees, the county is not to suffer thereby. *Peter v. Prettyman*. 62 Md. 572.

See art. 21, "Conveyancing."

1904, art. 17, sec. 55. 1902, ch. 516, sec. 51 A.

56. The clerks of the several law and equity courts of the several counties and of Baltimore city shall forthwith, upon their receipt or filing, record all bonds of every nature and kind, filed in their respective courts or given or taken in any proceedings or cause whatsoever at law or in equity, in a well-bound book or books provided by said clerks for that purpose, and none other; which book or books shall contain an alphabetical index in the names of all the parties to such bonds; and, until such bonds are actually recorded, they shall remain in the custody of said clerks, and said clerks shall endorse on said bonds when and where the same are recorded and shall be entitled to charge for their recording and indexing, similar fees to those charged for recording and indexing chattel mortgages by said clerks; and the copy of the record of any such bond, certified by the clerk of the court where the same is recorded, under the seal of his office, shall be *prima facie* evidence in any court of this State to prove such bond and the execution and delivery thereof.

Ibid. sec. 56. 1888, art. 17, sec. 52. 1860, art. 18, sec. 52. 1833, ch. 88; sec. 1.

57. They shall make a full and complete general alphabetical index (unless the same shall have already been done) in a book or books, well bound for that purpose, of all deeds, mortgages, bills of sale, and other conveyances of record in their respective offices, which index shall be both in the names of each and all the grantors, bargainors, donors or mortgagors, and each and all the grantees, bargainees, donees or mortgagees, and shall refer to the book and page of the record of the several conveyances designating the same.

See sec. 55 and notes.

Ibid. sec. 57. 1888, art. 17, sec. 53. 1860, art. 18, sec. 53. 1833, ch. 88, sec. 3.

58. They shall continue and keep up the alphabetical indexes required by the preceding section, by noting at the time of recording any deed, mortgage, bill of sale or other conveyance, the names of parties, and the character of the conveyance in such alphabetical index, in the manner prescribed in the preceding section.

See sec. 55 and notes.

Ibid. sec. 58. 1888, art. 17, sec. 54. 1860, art. 18, sec. 54. 1785, ch. 9, sec. 7. 1806, ch. 90, sec. 7. 1900, ch. 427.

59. Every clerk, after he records any deed, mortgage, release of mortgage, or lease of real estate shall, before delivering the original,